GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1047
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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PIOS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether People of Indian Origin (PIO) in Trinidad & Tobago are being discriminated against;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether PIOs have sought any assistance from the Union Government; and

(d) If so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) There are some media reports of alleged political discrimination of PIOs in Trinidad & Tobago. PIOs in Trinidad & Tobago are governed by the same constitution as that of the Afro-Trinidadian community. There is equality before law and PIOs have avenues for legal remedy in case of alleged political discrimination.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.